

Response to FCC solicited comments: RM-10805
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This petition is a positive approach in its attempt to negotiate the balance between no code advocates and the long-standing skill based CW mode allocations. It is reasonable to assess entry level no code operators a portion of selected HF bands. However, allowing only SSB and not permitting some digital mode capability seems to be too restrictive for HF operator privileges. I would also include CW privileges for those who enter under no code allocations but who later choose to add this capability to their operator skill base. After all, CW is a "Human Based Digital Mode" rather than machine based and requires less equipment infrastructure.